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Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report

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December 1983

Residential sales, commercial sales, and industrial sales showed an increase in December of 1983 compared to last year. Residential sales increased 16.0 percent, commercial sales increased 12.7 percent, and industrial sales increased 1.0 percent. The forecast for 1983 total sales is down 8.4 percent from reported 1982 total sales.

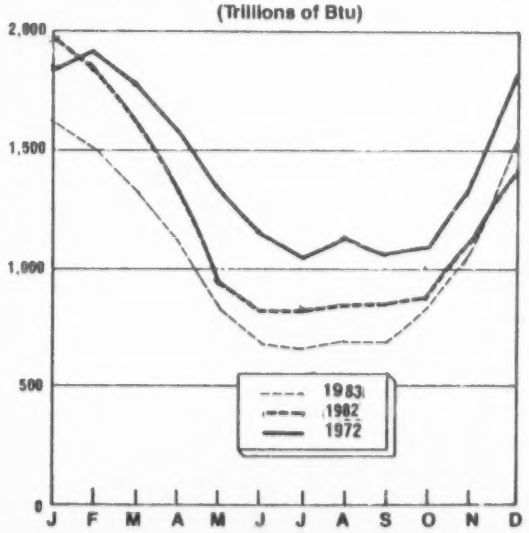
GAS SALES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS
(Trillions of Btu)

	December			Heating Season (Nov.-Dec.)		January 1 to December 31		
	1983	1982	% Change[2]	1983	Last Period	1983 Forecast[1]	1982	% Change
Residential	677.7	584.3	+ 16.0	1,033.7	+ 7.7	4,479.5	4,770.0	- 6.1
Commercial	324.1	287.6	+ 12.7	513.7	+ 4.1	2,319.2	2,471.3	- 6.2
Industrial	536.4	531.1	+ 1.0	1,028.3	- 3.1	6,134.4	6,891.6	-11.0
Other	20.5	17.1	-	34.0	-	149.1	147.6	-
Total	1,558.7	1,420.1	+ 9.8	2,609.7	+ 2.6	13,082.2	14,280.5	- 8.4
Degree Days	1043	723	+ 44.3	1569	+ 23.9			

(NOAA - weighted by Gas Homeheating Customers - Normal for December is 861)

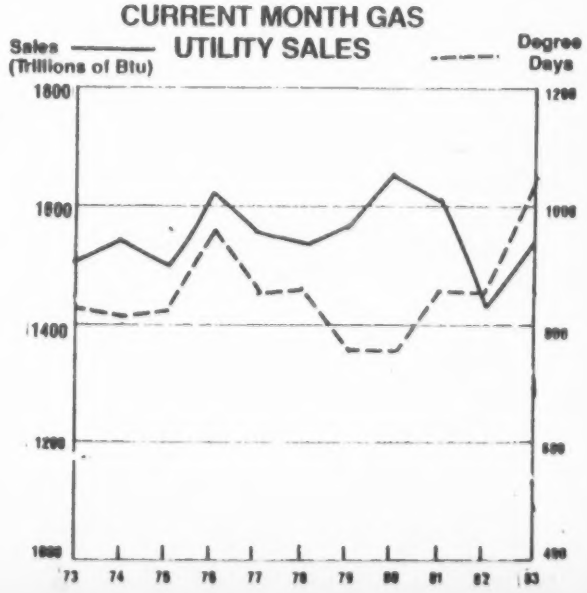
Gas sales are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas sales to ultimate consumers.

MONTHLY GAS UTILITY SALES



The peak year in sales for the Gas Utility Industry occurred in 1972.

CURRENT MONTH GAS UTILITY SALES



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS
(Thousands of Units)

December

	1983	1982[R]	% Change '82 vs '83
Domestic Range			
Gas	149.0	125.9	+ 18.3
Electric	211.4	175.0	+ 20.8
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	49.5	40.6	+ 21.9
Electric	200.1	151.9	+ 31.7
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	172.6	138.2	+ 24.9
Electric	22.0	14.7	+ 49.5
Oil	12.1	10.0	+ 20.7
Boilers			
Gas	14.3	14.8	- 3.6
Electric	0.1	0.1	+ 57.1
Oil	8.0	7.6	+ 5.7

[R]Revised

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

December

	1983	1982	% Change '82 vs '83
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	107.5	82.9	+ 29.7
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	578.2	549.6	+ 5.2
Electricity	329.8	319.6	+ 3.2
Fuel Oil	631.5	708.7	- 10.9
Index Total Gas Sales (1967 = 100)	110.4	100.6	+ 9.7
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	5.50	5.40	+ 1.9
Commercial	5.23	5.19	+ 0.8
Industrial	4.16	4.30	- 3.3
Total	4.97	4.95	+ 0.4

Sources: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics, A.G.A.

AVERAGE ANNUAL GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1973	0.79	1.25	0.95	0.50	0.44
1974	0.95	1.42	1.11	0.66	0.60
1975	1.29	1.69	1.38	0.99	0.94
1976	1.60	1.98	1.68	1.31	1.36
1977	1.97	2.33	2.07	1.69	1.74
1978	2.18	2.53	2.28	1.90	1.79
1979	2.52	2.92	2.66	2.23	1.94
1980	3.13	3.61	3.34	2.79	2.64
1981	3.65	4.16	3.91	3.29	3.46
1982	4.44	4.97	4.72	3.97	4.30
1983[P] (1st qtr)	5.20	5.61	5.42	4.50	5.07
(2nd qtr)	5.16	5.97	5.55	4.41	4.62
(3rd qtr)	4.80	6.81	5.47	4.18	4.36

[P]Preliminary

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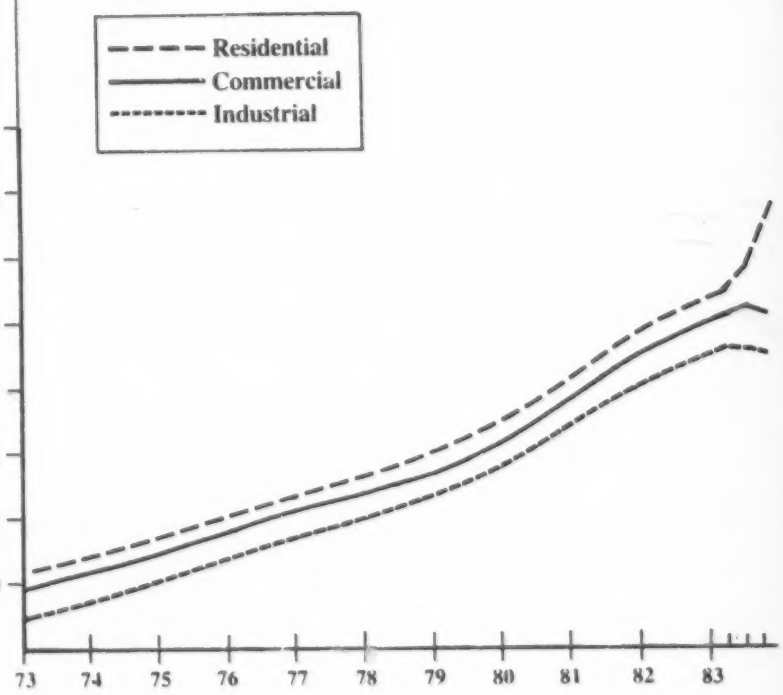

[1]1983 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1983 monthly data. The remaining months are derived by using a four year average.

The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1983 monthly data. The remaining months of 1983 are heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[2]The percent change is a function of the 59 sample companies.